

# Animal Emergency Credentialing Class



## DART

### What?

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture is offering workshops statewide to qualify and credential animal care volunteer workers to assist in emergency or disaster situations.

### Who?

The workshops are open to veterinarians, veterinary technicians, Extension personnel, animal control officers, rescue organization personnel, animal owners, livestock producers and others with experience or an interest in assisting in the care of animals during an emergency.

### Why?

There is a great need to have special teams to respond to assist animals in times of disaster. The Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) teams will provide assistance during local emergencies such as overturned trailers hauling livestock, animals who are trapped, providing shelters after a tornado, or assisting in larger scale disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes or terrorist attacks against both manmade or agricultural targets.

### How?

The three-hour workshop is free and will provide an overview of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the state's Animal Care and Housing emergency plan (known as Emergency Support Function 16), how the Incident Command System (ICS) plan is used in real emergencies/disasters, principles in bio-security, foreign animal and emerging diseases and procedures for reporting of these diseases. Upon completion of the ICS and the classroom course, a TN DART photo identification badge will be issued.

### When and Where?

**Tuesday March 10, 2009 6 pm**  
**Ayers Auditorium in the McWherter Center at**  
**Jackson State Community College**

**To register by March 3, 2009, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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